About Jim Poynter:

Jim was born and raised in Kansas. In his mid-teens he moved with his family to Pennsylvania where he attended Lewisburg Area High School. He was elected Sr. Class President at LAHS and graduated in the top 10% of his class. He was selected as Captain of the Football, Basketball and Track teams while at LAHS. He received a congressional appointment to the USMA (West Point) and attended Penn, an Ivy League University. At Penn he was a three year starter on the varsity football team. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business in 1977 with a BS in Economics. He met Peggy, his wife of 35 years, soon after College and they moved to the DFW area. Jim went to work for the Trammell Crow Company and was made a partner in the DFW Office building division at age 26. After 10 years at Crow he and Dennis Scifres started Poynter Scifres Companies and have owned this successful commercial real estate business together for over 25 years. He and Peggy have three sons: Justin (33); Ben (31) and Michael (25) all of whom graduated from Lamar and played football for the Vikes.

Jim’s volunteer service has been varied and long term. He has served on the Boards of Shakespeare-in-the-Park; the Superconducting Supercollider Educational Consortium; was President of NAIOP (a real estate industry group) and is current Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of his Church, First United Methodist of Arlington. He also served on the Board of the Easter Seals of Greater Fort Worth and was its Chairman in 2000. Jim and his wife Peggy served as co-presidents of the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Football Booster club for the 2006 and 2007 seasons, organizing events and raising funds to benefit the football program. Jim served as the President of the Lamar HS Football Booster Club in 2008. Under his leadership over $30,000 was raised *in advance* of compiling, authoring and publishing a hard copy book entitled “The History of Lamar Viking Football”. 100% of the book sale proceeds went to the Booster Club. Jim also coached his sons in various sports including football, basketball and “7 on 7” football.

In the last 15 years, 7 on 7 football has become a BIG DEAL in Texas HS football, allowing players to work on their skills in the summer in a highly competitive touch football format. Jim has coached Arlington Lamar’s Varsity 7 on 7 team for 13 years, winning two national titles. In that time Lamar is the **only high school in the state of Texas** to qualify for the State 7 on 7 Championship EVERY season it has been played (18 years). Coach Poynter has the most wins all time in the State 7 on 7 Championship tournaments with a life time record of 45-22. The team advanced to the state semi-finals in 4 of those seasons. He currently has 4 former players serving as assistant coaches for the 2016 Lamar 7 on 7 team. Jim was awarded the life time achievement award as a PTA volunteer and in 2012 was selected as co-recipient of the Mike Moncrief “Believing in Youth Award” Community Hero Award for Tarrant County.